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Editor's Mailbox

As a Concerned parent and citizen, I feel that we need some form of entertainment here in this town for our children. Appomattox is approximately 50 miles from any thing bow out in the Va. We have to have parks and recreation doesn't have anything for them to do to occupy themselves. I think that our young people wouldn't get so much trouble if the county of Appomattox had more recreation for people to enjoy. If you truly love your town and are concerned about our young people and want some clean wholesome recreation for the whole family help us to get started right, remember Appomattox is a growing town and more people are moving here, a shopping center is going up, we do need a recreation center, also.

Mrs. Dennis Akers
Mrs. Donna Woods

January 28, 1972

Dear Editor:

Since the political pot is beginning to boil, I think there are some things of which we need to be reminded. I hear a lot about the Nixon Administration. What it has and has not done. Since the government is made up of three branches - executive, legislative and judicial -- advice working in any one of these three departments is part of the government regardless of who is President. Neither Congressmen nor Senators have the right to criticize those that are doing their best to remove the faults in government.

I would like to ask these "doves" who have been yelling their heads off about getting our men out of Vietnam -- where were you when our men were being sent over there to fight in an undeclared, no-win war? If all the men now there could be brought back in two days it would not bring back the brave men who have paid with their lives. I feel sorry for them to have fought in the hearts of mothers, wives and sweethearts who have lost their loved ones to give fathers to the fatherless children. Anyone with a human heart wants all of our men back, but it must be done in an orderly manner. You politicians who attend the "doves" parties, where were you when our men were being taken away, and why are you so little concerned about the slaughter on our highways?

I hear a lot today about doing things for our young people. One thing they desperately need is the proper example to be set by older ones. Our Congressmen and Senators raise their salaries without consent of the people, then are gone from Washington for days making speeches, either for a father or to build their political fences, at the while drawing their salaries. I would like to ask any one of them, what kind of example of honesty is this? I also ask this question to our legislators: if your past had been scrutinized and your records known to all the minority groups before you were sworn in, how would you have fared out? There is one good thing to say about a person appointed, he did not spend a lot of money to get his position as our Congressmen and Senators do to get elected.

I would like to make these comments to the legislators, both Federal and State. Each of you should remember that plenty of people did not vote for you and were not pleased by your being elected. You are in a position to do something to help bring back law and order. If you will take an honest look at the mess we are in, it is more important to try to save this country than that you be re-elected. When we see that we can't even keep order in prisons, it is time to be alarmed.

To the voters I say that any

JORDAN BAPTIST

"I will try with God these high things for me! Psalm 27: 1.

The Junior Choir and Junior Choir will be appearing on this program.

We are glad to say that Harry Carter is home from Western high last Saturday is doing nicely. We hope he will continue to improve and soon be back in school.

Our prayers go out to Mrs. Dorris Fleming as she is in the hospital. We are asking God's blessings for her speedy recovery.

We are sorry to say that Deacon Crab Austin is home with the flu. We hope he'll be feeling better soon.

To the family of Mr. Lollie Turner we extend our deepest sympathy. It is our sincere prayer that God will bless and keep them in their hour of sorrow.

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The Pastor Speaks

"Walking The Light"

Text: ----- Blind as lights in the world." Philippians 2:15. We the Jesus had returned to the world of men, the disciples are to be reflectors of His Truth and Glory in a world that is lost in a darkness of sin. Christ has shined into our hearts not only to make us light but also to make us live for that we might in turn reflect these beams of Grace to others.

Some characteristics of light are: 1. attracts - illuminates; 2. holds back darkness -- and is good and pleasant. To make spiritual application we, too, must attract others to Jesus by our Christian testimony. Next we should provide safety with needed warnings - reflecting to them the word of God through Jesus. If we walk "as as He walked" - John 2:6, our life and testimony will serve to hold back the darkness of sin. Christians, like the light they reflect, should is all these things. Jesus said, "Let your light shine." It does not very good be is not very bright. All we need is these characteristics in the light of this age, we shall "shine as lights in the world."

The Christian should mind, "the light of the word" as the lighthouse that would off the rocky shores of the New England coast. Our testimonies should be a blinking light warning men of sin and destruction. One of the primary objectives of a lighthouse is to "mind the light." This is what keeps the Christian going and this is what points men to Christ, our minding the light. So, too, today across the troubled waters, and darkness of our times there comes a voice from Heaven saying in the message of the Son of God "Take heed, attending as to" mind the light! Mind the light!

Don't expect God to use you as a lighthouse some where else if he cannot use you as a candle where you are? !!!

"I want to be a shining light, that glistens clean and true, I want to show forth Jesus in everything I do" !

Earnie W. Lunas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

CHRIST AND THE CITY

Lesson for February 6, 1972

Background Scripture: Luke 19: 11-27, 41-44.
Devotional Reading: Psalms 122

There is a painting by the French artist, Paul Baquoire entitled, "Christ Weeping Over the City." It is, of course, an interpretation of Luke 19:41 and 19:34-48, two passages when Christ expressed deep sorrow over the city of Jerusalem and its inexplicably to God's messengers. The figure of Jesus dominates the whole left side of the painting. He stands looking over the city and, although we cannot see his face, clearly it is obvious that his head is bowed in sadness.

Jesus Weeps For The City

It is the left side of the painting that surprises, for we find that the sprawling expanse beneath him is not Jerusalem but one of our contemporary cities. It could be New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles or it could be any town. There is, to be sure, a large cathedral or church in the center foreground, but it is dark. No light comes from it. The city is said to be crowded, smog, and wreathed in smoke. It is definitely a modern city.

The intent of the artist is plain. Christ still mourns over the city, he is saying, but not just Jerusalem. Christ weeps over cities where ignorance, greed, and hatred have dimmed or extinguished the light of God. The two occasions in the gospel of Luke, then, are very relevant for today.

Today, as then, Jesus meets with the same response: "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" (19: 39). People in the cities are just as hostile and resistant to the claims of the Gospel today as they were when Jesus mourned over Jerusalem. They don't want to hear prophets they don't want to hear God's voice, they don't want to know what he wants of them. They are still violent in their response to God's spokesmen.

Jesus Acts For The City

Once again, Jesus says to the cities, open your eyes, and weeps because there is so little response to his voice. The problem of the cities is the problem of man: his spiritual blindness. It is not that he cannot see, but that he will not.

Once again, the result is likely to be the same: if you will not wake up and see, you will be destroyed . . . "because you did not know the time of your visitation" (v44). So Jesus was not content to weep for the city; to make the people wake up and see he did the most significant thing he could - he gave his own life that the city might know.

Once again this is what is required of our own cities are to escape destruction. It will not be enough for us to weep and wring our hands over them. We must be willing, like him, to offer nothing less than our selves.

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DEATHS

ELLIOTT

Norwood E. Elliott, age 58, died Saturday at Lynchburg hospital. He was born March 5, 1913 in Campbell County. He was the son of Sidney H. Elliott of Madison and the late Malure Elliott. In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Allen Elliott of Madisonville; one son Sidney H. Elliott of Farmville; one brother, Olney W. Elliott of Madisonville; one grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. at Spring Creek Church near Darlington, Va. Interment was in the church cemetery. The Rev. R. Miller and the Rev. [illegible]ch officiated.

JUDE P. CYRUS

Jude Percy Cyrus, 74, of Appomattox Ave., Lynchburg died Sunday at his home. He was the husband of the late Ida Dudley Cyrus.

A native of Campbell County, he was the son of Robert L. Cyrus and May Ryan Cyrus. He was a retired carpenter and member of the Baptist church.

He is survived by two sons, Jude T. Cyrus of Lawrenceville and Kyle Cyrus of Lynchburg; two brothers, James T. Cyrus and Loyd Cyrus of Concord; Eugene Cyrus of Appomattox, and Bennie T. Cyrus and David W. Cyrus of Lynchburg; four sisters, Mrs. Ruth Covington and Mrs. Jimmie Cyrus of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Betty M. Garrett and Mrs. Ruth Chenault of Lynchburg, [illegible] grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Sandusky Memorial Chapel, Rev. [illegible] took place in Fort Hill Cemetery, Lynchburg.

LUTHER TURNER

Luther Branchard Turner, 64, [illegible], died Sunday in Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg. He was born in Appomattox he was the son of Caroline Branchard and William Turner. He was a member of Mount Airy Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. [illegible] Turner; two sons, Lawrence Turner and John Turner, [illegible] daughter, Mattie Turner, [illegible] Appomattox; five grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. [illegible] Fennix of Gladstone; [illegible] brothers, Robert Turner of [illegible] Jersey and Charlie Turner of Washington, D.C.

Funeral service was held at [illegible] p.m. Wednesday in Mount Airy Baptist Church by the Rev. [illegible] Fryor. Burial took place in Jordan Church Cemetery [illegible] Appomattox.

[illegible] Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

INTERMEDIATE 4-H

The Appomattox Intermediate 4-H Club met January 20, 1972. The meeting was opened by president Hal Smith. The pledges to the flags were led by Lynn Smith and Mat Lair. Mr. [illegible] talked to us about three [illegible], National 4-H Congress, Gettysburg trip and Public Speaking contest. A program on [illegible] is planned for Appomattox [illegible]. The meeting was then [illegible] until next month.

Judy Watson, Reporter

Income Tax Meeting Monday

An overflow crowd attended the dedicatorial services of the New First Rock Baptist Church last Sunday at the morning and afternoon services. The morning service included the cornerstone laying service. The following programs were carried out: A march from the old church to the new church, Devotions: Laying of the cornerstone; Hymn, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"; Scripture, Chronicles 6:1-5; Prayer by Deacon Wm. Jackson; Hymn; Cornerstone offertory; Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation"; Greetings from sister churches; Responsive reading; Hymn; Introduction of guest speaker by the pastor, Rev. F. D. Yates; Dedicatory sermon by Dr. H. R. Watkins; Dedicatory prayer, Dr. H. L. Brooks; Hymn; Offertory by officers; Hymn, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"; Benediction. The 2:30 services were very inspiring. The following order of service was carried out: The Rev. H.J. Hendericks served as master of ceremony; Recessional, Union Baptist Church of Dillwyn, Va.; Prayer, Rev. R. Q. Lewis; Hymn, "What A Fellowship"; Scripture, Rev. Frank Winston, Prayer, Rev. Osburne; Hymn, guest choir; Welcome address, Deacon C. T. Jordan; Response, Deacon Bland of Mount Moriah Baptist Church; History of the church by Mrs. C. T. Jordan, clerk, Remarks and greetings by the contractor; Introduction of the guest speaker, Dr. H.R. Watkins; Solo, "Bless This House" by Miss Brown; Dedicatorial sermon, by Dr. W. H. Winston; Dedicatorial prayer, Rev. M. R. Johnson; Hymn by guest choir; Offertory by deacons; Remarks by the pastor; Closing Hymn; Benediction. Dinner was served to the visitors and friends by the ladies of the church in the dinning hall.

Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The pastor of the church delivered a very inspiring sermon. Music was rendered by the Junior Choir. Several visitors attended the service.

The public is reminded of the meeting to be held at the Intermediate School this Monday evening at 7:30 in regards to filing income tax forms. The meeting is being sponsored by the Appomattox Assembly.

Plans are being made for the annual Men's Day program of the Pamplin Community Men's Club for the fourth Sunday evening in February at 3:30. Local churches are cordially invited to attend.

Funeral services for the late Mr. Lollie Turner was conducted from the Mount Airy Baptist Church on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. The pastor of the church, Rev. H. W. Pryor officiated and delivered the eulogy. Music was rendered by the home choir.

All officers, members and friends are asked to attend regular services at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Celestral Turner's father, Mr. Sergon of Washington, D.C. Funeral services will be conducted from his home church in Danville, Va., today at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Eula Mae Johnson has just received her daughter's grades for the first semester at Hampton, where she did her cadette teaching. She made the dean's list with A.

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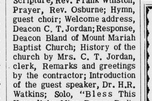

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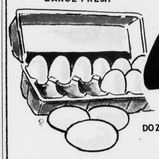

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